

REMARKS

By this Amendment, the independent claims are amended to include the features previously recited in now cancelled dependent claim 6. Additionally, new dependent claims 16-19 have been added; new claims are patentable for reasons commensurate with those previously recognized with regard to the other pending independent claims and for reasons asserted herein. Claims 1-5, 7-9 and 11-19 are pending.

The Office Action indicated the allowability of claims 3, 4, 6 and 11-12. Claim 6 has now been cancelled and features previously recited in that claim have been incorporated into the independent claims.

Therefore, Applicant submits that the rejection of claims 1, 5, 7-9 and 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Warriar et al. (U.S. 6,707,809; hereafter "Warriar") and Leung (U.S. 6,195,705) is overcome.

Hence, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant also asserts that the pending claims are patentable over the cited prior art because the claimed primary home agent is not anticipated by the home agent control node of Warriar. Specifically, the Warriar's home agent control node fails to send a routing request (in response to receiving a registration request that is acceptable); rather, Warriar teaches that the home agent control node merely forwards the registration requests to a separate home agent (col. 6, l. 35-36). Although registration functions by the home agent control node are discussed at col. 4, lines 7-27, Warriar fails to disclose, teach or suggest sending a routing request as recited in the pending claims.

Leung fails to remedy this deficiency of Warriar because Leung fails to disclose a routing request as recited in the pending claims. Rather, in Leung, the standby home agent activates after receiving a resign message from the other home agent or this procedure is initiated as a response of reception of a lower priority "hello" message from the active home agent. However, Leung fails to disclose a specific routing request.

Accordingly, the combined teachings of Warriar and Leung, fail to disclose, teach or suggest the claimed invention.

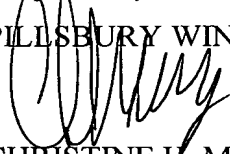
All issues having been addressed, Applicant requests the notice of allowance indicating the allowability of the pending claims. However, if anything further is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicant requests that the Examiner telephone Applicant's undersigned representative.

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